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2006 HURRICANE EVACUATION PLAN

Goal:

To provide an orderly, safe, and timely evacuation of Unified Command staff members from the Incident Command Post (ICP) Harahan, LA, and outlying operations in the event of a hurricane hitting on or near the Louisiana coastline.

Objectives:

- Maintain constant information flow among Command and General Staff and all forward operations so everyone is fully aware of weather situation and implementation phases of this plan
- Provide inland hotel accommodations or public shelter
- Insure emergency food and water are available until arrival at a shelter or the emergency passes

Assumptions:

- Katrina operations will be suspended
- Inland lodging will be limited due to displaced people from previous hurricanes and current evacuation
- Competition will be great for departing flights
- Highways will be crowded and gasoline in short supply
- Sufficient radios and cell phones will be available to coordinate the evacuation
- Technical assistance contractors in the field will be able to evacuate without significant assistance
- Timelines are based on projected sustained winds of greater than 20 mph associated with a tropical system expected in Mississippi River delta area. The timelines referenced in this evacuation plan precede the hurricane's projected landfall
- This plan applies to USEPA, cooperating agencies and contractor personnel that normally work in the ICP Harahan, LA, and forward field operations
- National Logistics BPA will address resources, operational equipment, and functionality of pre-deployment for new incident

Considerations:

- The ICP is located in part of the LDEQ South Eastern Regional Office (SERO), Harahan, LA
- Approximately 20 personnel are housed in hotels in the New Orleans area
- There is an unusual amount of debris as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita which makes the potential hazard much greater

The following positions are deemed ESSENTIAL and will be required to stand down at the designated location:

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| EPA Incident Commander | HHW/Collection Group Sup |
| LDEQ Incident Commander | START Incident Commander |
| USCG Incident Commander | START Ops Chief |
| Logistics Section Chief | START Planning Chief |
| Public Information Officer | START Core R6 Response Team (2) |
| Liaison Officer | |

The following positions are deemed CRITICAL and will be evacuated to the Dallas area:

EPA Documentation Unit Leader
START Environmental Unit Manager & Staff (1)
START GIS Team Leader & Staff (1)
START Situation Unit Leader & Staff (1)
SAIC Asst .Documentation Unit Leader & Staff (1)

The following color coding will be used to determine critical decision points and implementation timelines to insure an orderly, safe and timely evacuation:

CODE RED “SEVERE” 3 DAYS OUT

CODE ORANGE “HIGH” 4 DAYS OUT

CODE YELLOW “ELEVATED” 5 DAYS OUT

CODE BLUE “GUARDED” 7 DAYS OUT

CODE GREEN “LOW” June 1 – Nov 1, 2006

(Note: Code Green is the minimal condition during the hurricane season)

The following actions will take place during CODE GREEN.

JUNE 1, 2006 - NOVEMBER 1, 2006

Planning:

- Provide and post weather systems tracking map
- Track weather systems as they occur

The following actions will take place during CODE BLUE.

Day 7-prior to landfall in the Gulf region:

Command Staff:

- Review evacuation plans for response sites within the outlying parishes

Logistics:

- Confirm with evacuation site at LDEQ, Baton Rouge and Dallas Regional Office
- Initiate pre-negotiated shelter and temporary ICP arrangements
- Ensure all GOVs are fueled and ready in the event of an evacuation

NOAA:

- Provide updates as available from NOAA/National Weather service on projected storm paths and probable impacts
- Provide estimates of storm surge and tidal impacts for the response sites

Operations:

- Provide daily communication with weather updates to all field personnel
- Confirm/validate equipment list and personnel counts at staging areas

Planning:

- Secure GIS maps to track storm
- Daily tracking begins with periodic reporting to the Command & General staff

Resource Unit:

- Develop/confirm list of rental vehicles belonging to assigned personnel
- Compile list of non-essential personnel
- Confirm which cooperating agency and contractor personnel that the ICP will be evacuated
- Compile and validate Essential/Non-essential/Critical personnel rosters for all personnel

The following actions will take place during CODE YELLOW.

Day 5 prior to landfall in the Gulf region:

All Personnel:

- Identify packing needs in the event of an evacuation
- Ensure all POVs and rental vehicles are fueled and ready in the event of an evacuation
- Prepare personal goods for evacuation
- Secure copy of latest IAP
- Non-essential personnel begin to make travel arrangements for demobilization

Command Staff:

- Will hold a special meeting to update all hands on the weather situation
- Make decision to reduce operations in the field, secure pads, manifest and dispose of collection material

Logistics:

- Food and water staged at ICP
- Ensure all GOVs are fueled and ready in the event of an evacuation
- Confirm list of personnel assigned to drive GOV evacuation vehicles
 - Logistics Section Chief
 - Finance Section Chief
- Support Branch begins nightly backup of all data

Operations:

- Reduce operations
- Monitor implementation of response site evacuation plans

Planning:

- Determine need to evacuate ICP & staging areas based on prediction provided by NOAA; provide recommendation to Incident Commander
- Confirm and document all Essential and Critical personnel have available transportation to evacuation site

The following actions will take place during CODE ORANGE.

DAY 4–prior to landfall in the Gulf region:

All Personnel:

- If the decision is made to evacuate, all non-essential personnel from field operation, coastal zone response sites and non-essential personnel from the ICP will de-mob and go home

Command Staff:

- Incident Command will make a decision to evacuate ICP and critical field operation personnel or to shelter them in place

Logistics:

- Confirm with Evacuation Sites and provide estimated time for arrival
- Load GOV's

Liaison /PIO:

- Notify stakeholders of the evacuation
- Verify stakeholders contact information to bring to the evacuation sites in order to provide coordination of post-storm remobilization

Operations:

- Direct field operations personnel in the various parishes to demobilize, evacuate, or return to ICP for shelter in place

Planning:

- Provide directions to designated essential and critical personnel to the Baton Rouge or Dallas evacuation location Include POC names and phone numbers at the site.
- Provide list of all evacuees to include phone numbers.
- Notify the Region 6 Regional Response Center, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75202 Ph. (214) 665-9700 Fax (214) 665-9718

Note: All members must follow the designated route of travel to Baton Rouge, LA or Dallas, TX

The following actions will take place during CODE RED.

DAY 3—prior to landfall in the Gulf region:

Command Staff:

- Based on storm prediction provided by NOAA, the Incident Command will make a decision to evacuate remaining personnel from the ICP to the LDEQ Building located at 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge or shelter in place

Logistics:

- Support Branch Director will ensure safe transport of data tape backups and secure the EPA network
- Designated GOV drivers depart after ensuring that
 - All employees and vehicles are away
 - ICP is locked and secured
 - Immediately upon departure notify RRC of the final implementation of the evacuation